

United States Embassy Dakar, Senegal
Security Message for U.S. Citizens
Vigilance and Travel to Senegal

March 17, 2016

On March 15 the U.S. Department of Defense issued a travel advisory that places restrictions on unofficial, i.e., personal, travel by Department of Defense personnel to Senegal, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana and Guinea until June 30, 2016. These restrictions only apply to active duty and civilian employees of the Department of Defense. The U.S. Embassy reminds U.S. citizens the importance of practicing good security habits, to be aware of your surroundings, and to remain vigilant at all times. Know where your family members and colleagues are located, how to reach them in case of an emergency, and where you will meet in the event you become separated, keeping in mind that the internet and cell phones may not always function.

For further information:

- See the [State Department's travel website](#) for the [Worldwide Caution](#), Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and [Senegal Country Specific Information](#).
- Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- If you wish to participate in the optional SMS/text messaging program to receive security notices via text message, please send an email to DakarACS@state.gov for additional information.
- Contact the U.S. Embassy in Dakar, located on Route des Almadies, and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Fridays. You may call +221 33 879 4000 during normal business hours or +221 33 879 4444 during after-hours.
- Call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).
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